

Schenectady 20th Aug^r 1700 -

The following are Questions asked by General -
Jost Van Kenselet, at a Council held with the
Sachems of the Oneida Nation this day, at which
was present General Van Kenselet, and some
Gentlemen of this City. when the General ^{the matter} ~~inquired~~
to them as follows. - here comes in the Gen^ls speech
1st Brothers, does any of you know this Belt?
2^{dly} What is the Intention or meaning of the
said Belt?
3^{dly} Whether it is customary for a Warrior to
carry such Belt, unless sent on some extraordinary
occasion?
4^{thly} do you know how the Prisoner came by -
this Belt, or can imagine what was his inten-
tion for going off with it.

The answer made by the Sachems to the
Generals Questions.

Brothers who are now in this Room, and
have called us by that name, attend to our
answer concerning a Belt taken yesterday
on suspicion, and now before us, and Questions
asked thereon, we are all strangers to the
Belt, and know not from whence it came

We will call a Council of all the Warriors, and endeavour to find out, from whence it came, and the intention of it, as it may be of bad consequence both to you and us. Our head Man: the Grashopper is gone to Albany, we wish for his Return which will be between this, and evening an evil spirit is now working in the hearts of some of your Brothers to do mischief, we will examine the Prisoner who had the Belt, and endeavour to find out from him, where he got the Belt, and what is the meaning of the Belt. Brothers let the Prisoner be brought ~~in~~ before us.

The Prisoner confesses that Schonunda gave him that Belt as a pass in case any thing should happen him, and that when he came to this place, he did not find things as he expected, and an evil spirit possessing him, he went off, but has now ~~at~~ changed his mind and means to remain.

Speech of the Prisoner

Brothers, will you now hear what I have to say. I am sorry for my past conduct, and hope

you will now forgive me, as I never will be guilty of the like again. People have ~~tried~~ twisted me of being an enemy, which made me angry, and induced me to go off.

The Sachems then desired to meet at four o'clock, to conclude the Business
 4 o'clock. P. M.

Speech of the Sachems.

Brothers hear what we are going to say of the Affairs that have happened Unfortunate to us to this day. We had a Council in the morning ~~and~~ and are now going to conclude. - That Belt which was taken Yesterday; we have some light of the speech intended to carry with it. The Prisoner when he came to Fort Schuyler had that Belt. Schorundo made a speech on it at Oneida; and then gave it to him the purport of which was, to deliver that silently to Schorundo's Son, and the meaning of the Belt, was, Son draw off the - Son ~~would not~~ pay any attention to the Belt sent by his Father, and it was his

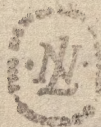
Sons answer going by this Belt, which was
that he would have nothing to say to his
Father but remain steady to the American
cause, that when they came to Fort
Sherburne Schenando's son gave the Belt -
to the Prisoner, and would not carry it
farther. This is the meaning of the Belt
you now see, and the intention of this
Belt returning is to seduce our Warriors
there is now no intention of any return
ing but will remain true to the thirteen
States this is all the Belt belongs to the
King let it go where you please, you now
understand all we know, and when we are
drunk, you may have more alarms, you
know all, and will tell us what you
mean to do with him.

The General answered -

that he imagines him a very bad fellow
and has endeavoured not only to carry off
Schenando's son; but many more of our
brothers, and means to ~~be dealt~~ send him to

At New at Albany, to be there death -
with as he may think proper; that if he
was one of our men, he would be im-
mediately tryed and if guilty suffer
Death.

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*Memorials of Treaty
Kept By General Pitt
& Remitted with the Indians
in Schoonety 20. Aug.
1700.*

